



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission
Consistent Standards of Practice Sub-Committee Meeting**

March 30, 2006
9:00 – 10:30 am
Department of Health
310 SE Israel Rd – Tumwater Washington
Point Plaza East Room 131

Meeting Minutes

Sub-Committee Members:

Karen Brewer, Public Member; Lorrie A Hodges, LPN; Robert Salas, RN; Rhonda Taylor, MSN (Co-chair); and Susan Woods, PhD (Chair)

DOH Staff /Guest:

Usrah Claar-Rice, Nursing Education Manager; Chuck Cumiskey, Nursing Practice Manager; and Diana Casler, Secretary

I. Call to order/Roll call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

All members and staff were present.

II. Approval of minutes from February 23, 2006 meeting

M/S/C¹ – The meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Old business

The members reviewed the strategic plan and discussed the notes from NCQAC meeting of March 9, 2006. There were no changes to the current plan.

Karen explained the materials she gathered regarding Web-based Survey Companies (Key Survey, Zoomerang, Perseus, and Web Surveyor).

The members discussed the sample survey documents and the development of survey questions. It was agreed the survey questions will require thoughtful deliberation to effectively obtain accurate information as it pertains to: environmental barriers to safe

¹ M/S/C – Motion/Seconded/Carried

practice; knowledge of the standards of practice; compliance with nursing laws; readiness to practice - residency/1st yr graduates; continuing education opportunities; overall satisfaction in the practice culture; where are nurses working related to years of experience in the profession.

To insure survey participation and integrity of the information received, the members recognized that the process must assure licensure anonymity.

IV. New business

The members reviewed and discussed the following informational materials to identify priority items relating to nursing practice issues.

- JCAHO Sentinel Event Statistical Data
- Nursing Service Citations – Washington State Department of Health was provided by Linda Foss, PhD, RN Investigations Manager for the Office of Health Care Survey.
- Washington State Health Data:
 1. Vital Statistics 2003 Summary
 2. Report Card on Health in Washington 2005

Meetings were set for:

April 27, 2006 from 9:00 -10:00 am

May 25, 2006 from 8:30 – 10:00 am

June 29, 2006 from 9:00 – 11:00 am

Assignments for April 27th meeting:

Robert - Research information regarding *Tracers* (i.e. patients followed from ER to ICU) in regards to RNs medical errors.

Rhonda – Research JACHO citations under Nursing Service organizations.

Staff - Provide Washington State Vital Statistics updated data when available; literature search; and distribute the Boyer Article

Adjournment

The chair adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.